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File # OAM2022-000601

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## **Ordinance Amendment Related to Stream Setbacks in the Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone**

<b>Public Body</b>	Emigration Canyon Planning Commission
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Proposal</b>	An Ordinance amending the Emigration Canyon Land Use Code, Foothill Canyons Overlay Zone (FCOZ), Section 19.72.130, "Stream Corridor and Wetlands Protection." The proposed amendment will amend the Perennial Stream Corridor Setback for Buildings, accessory structures, and parking lots from 100' to 50' measured from the ordinary high-water mark.
<b>Planner</b>	Jim Nakamura
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve the ordinance as proposed

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### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL**

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The Emigration Canyon Planning Commission has been engaged in the process of assessing and considering amendments to the Foothill Canyons Overlay Zone (FCOZ). The Planning Commission recognizes the need for consistency with partner agency standards and the standards in the FCOZ. As such, the MSD Planning staff was directed to craft an ordinance to amend the FCOZ for the health, safety, and well-being of its residents and visitors.

The purpose of the proposed code amendment to the FCOZ is to adjust the setback standard for development from a perennial stream to be consistent with the Salt Lake County Health Department and Salt Lake City Public Utilities water shed regulations. As such, the proposed amendment reduces the setbacks to a perennial stream corridor from 100 feet to 50 feet. Mention of the 100' Setback from a onsite wastewater system to a perennial stream corridor will be removed from chapter 19.72.130 as this Setback is regulated by the State of Utah and Health Department rules and regulations

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT**

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Public notice was provided in accordance with Utah Code 17-27a-205. Public notice was mailed to affected entities, notice was posted in three public locations, and notice was posted on the Utah Public Notice Website at least 10 days prior to the public hearing on June 16, 2022.

At the time of writing this report, no written comments have been received by the MSD Department of Planning and Development Services.

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### **OPTION FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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The Planning Commission has three options with respect to the proposed ordinance amendment:

- Option 1: Recommend approval of the ordinance as proposed to Council; or  
Option 2: Recommend approval of the ordinance with amendments to Council; or  
Option 3: Recommend denial of the ordinance to Council.

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission recommend approval of the ordinance as proposed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Public Notice
2. Proposed Ordinance 19.72.130



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EMIGRATION CANYON PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Utah Code Title 10, Chapter 9a, Section 205, that the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission (the "Commission") will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the below proposed changes to land use ordinances as follows:

1. **OAM2022-000601** – An Ordinance amending the Emigration Canyon Land Use Code, Foothill Canyons Overlay Zone (FCOZ), Section 19.72.130, "Stream Corridor and Wetlands Protection." The proposed amendment will amend the Perennial Stream Corridor Setback for Buildings, accessory structures, and parking lots from 100' to 50' measured from the ordinary high-water mark. The proposed amendment will eliminate setback requirements for on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are regulated by Salt Lake County Health Department.

The Planning Commission will act on the proposed ordinances after taking comments from the public during the public hearing. The public and affected entities are also invited to review and inspect the proposed ordinances at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html> and <https://www.msd.utah.gov/>

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(5), Andy Wallace has determined in his capacity as Chair of the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission that this meeting and/or public hearing will be held electronically without an anchor location given the ongoing Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which the Chair has determined to present a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at an anchor location. To participate in the meeting and to make public comments where indicated in the agenda, please use the below webinar instructions.

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Meeting number (access code): 961 841 420

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Join meeting in WebEx (download available at <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html> for Windows, Android, and Apple devices)

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You may also obtain copies of the ordinances and submit written comments prior to the public hearing by contacting Wendy Gurr at [wgurr@msd.utah.gov](mailto:wgurr@msd.utah.gov) or (385) 468-6707. Individuals needing special accommodations (including ancillary communicative aids and services) during this public hearing should contact Ms. Gurr three days before the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-\_\_\_

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMIGRATION CANYON CODE, SECTION 19.72.130  
STREAM CORRIDOR AND WETLANDS PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Emigration Canyon Metro Township (“Emigration Canyon”) Township Council ("Council) is authorized to enact ordinances for the health, safety, and well-being of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, consistency with partner agency standards is an objective in Emigration Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah and the Salt Lake County Health Department have rules requirements governing setbacks for onsite wastewater disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, the Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone standards for setbacks for onsite wastewater disposal systems are unnecessary due to those State of Utah and Health Department rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Foothills and Canyons Overlay Zone standards for setbacks from perennial streams should be amended from 100 feet to 50 feet to be consistent with partner agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDED. Section 19.72.130 is amended as redlined in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**EMIGRATION CANYON  
METRO TOWNSHIP**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Smolka, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

## **19.72.130 Stream Corridor And Wetlands Protection**

### **A. Purpose**

The following requirements and standards are intended to promote, preserve, and enhance the important hydrologic, biological, ecological, aesthetic, recreational, and educational functions of stream corridors, associated riparian areas, and wetlands.

### **B. Applicability**

Unless previously delineated by Township, boundaries for stream corridors and wetland areas are delineated according to the following standards:

- 1. Stream corridor and wetland area delineation shall be performed by a qualified engineer or other qualified professional with demonstrated experience and expertise to conduct the required site analysis. Delineations are subject to the approval of the Director.**
- 2. Stream corridors shall be delineated at the ordinary high-water mark. Stream corridors do not include irrigation ditches that do not contribute to the preservation and enhancement of fisheries or wildlife.**
- 3. Boundary delineation of wetlands are established using the current Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands jointly published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Soil Conservation Service.**

### **C. Prohibited Activities**

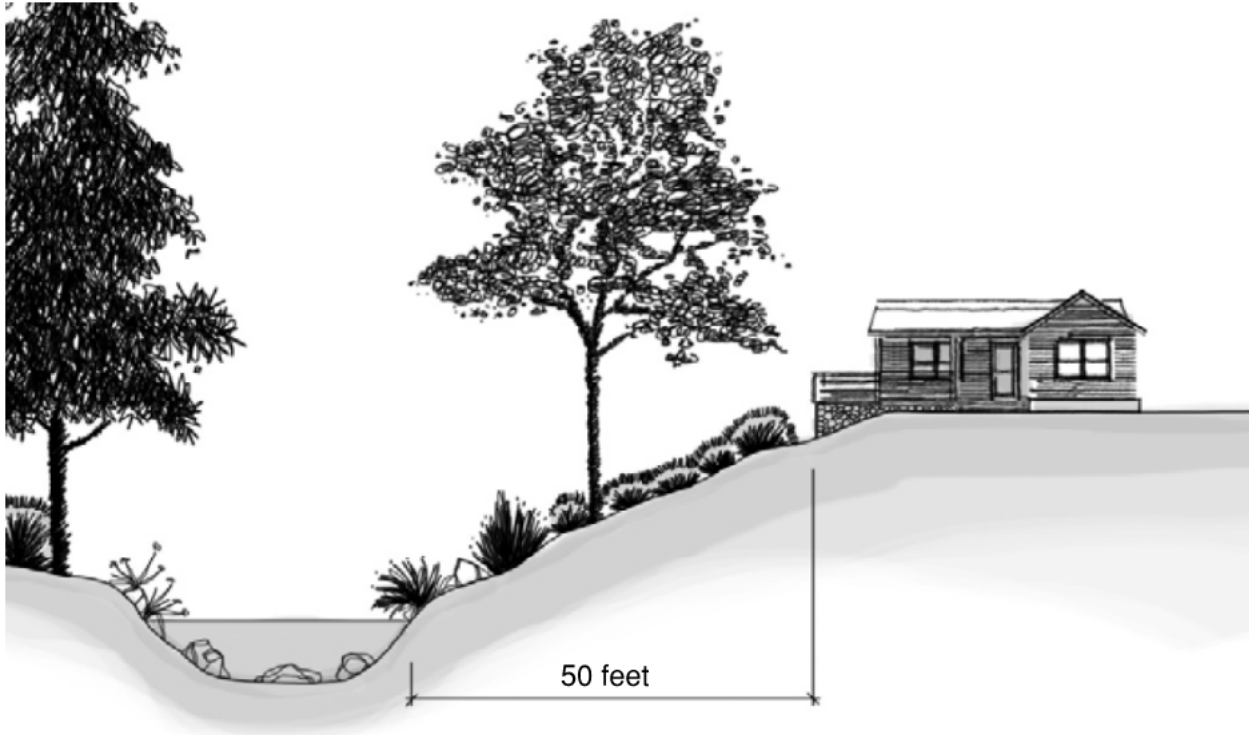
No development activity may be conducted that disturbs, removes, fills, dredges, clears, destroys, or alters, stream corridors or wetlands, including vegetation, except for restoration and maintenance activities allowed in this Chapter as approved by Salt Lake County Flood Control, the Utah State Engineer's Office (Division of Water Rights), and other applicable authorities.

### **D. Setbacks**

#### **1. Perennial Stream Corridors**

All buildings, accessory structures and, parking lots, ~~and all on-site wastewater disposal systems~~ shall be set back at least ~~one hundred~~ fifty (100 50) feet horizontally from the ordinary high-water mark of perennial stream corridors. (See Figure 19.72.7: Setback from Stream Corridor)

**FIGURE 19.72.7: SETBACK FROM STREAM CORRIDOR**



## 2. Wetlands

All buildings, accessory structures, and parking lots shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet, ~~and all on-site wastewater disposal systems shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet~~ horizontally from the delineated edge of a wetland.

## 3. Ephemeral Streams

~~Leach fields shall be set back 100 feet from the channel of an ephemeral stream.~~ All buildings, accessory structures, and parking areas or parking lots shall be set back at least 50 feet from the channel of an ephemeral stream. The Director may recommend to the land use authority modifications to this prohibition upon finding that the modification is likely to cause minimal adverse environmental impact or that such impact may be substantially mitigated. For properties located within the Salt Lake City watershed, the Director shall consult with Salt Lake City Public Utilities prior to making a recommendation.

## 4. Natural Open Space/Landscape Credit for Setback Areas

All setback areas are credited toward any relevant private natural open space or landscape requirements, but are not credited toward public trail access dedication requirements.

## E. Preservation of Vegetation

All existing vegetation within the stream corridor or wetland setback area shall be preserved to provide adequate screening or to repair damaged riparian areas, supplemented where necessary with additional native or adapted planting and landscaping.

## **F. Bridges**

Any bridge over a stream corridor and within the stream setback area may be approved, provided the Director affirms that the bridge is planned and constructed in such a manner as to minimize impacts on the stream corridor.

## **G. Modification of Setbacks**

1. The Director, in behalf of the Township, has discretion to administratively reduce the ~~perennial stream corridor and wetlands~~ setbacks by a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) where applicable upon satisfaction of the following criteria:

a. The modification is designed to yield:

i. More effective preservation of existing mature trees, vegetation, riparian areas, rock outcrops, or other significant natural features of the site;

ii. Less visual impact on the property or on the surrounding area; or

iii. Better protection of wildlife habitat; OR,

b. Strict application of the standard(s) would render a site undevelopable.

## **H. ~~Perennial Stream Corridor and~~ Wetland Setback Requirements for Lots of Record**

### **1. Existing Legally-Established Structures**

A structure legally existing on the effective date of this Ordinance that is within fifty (50) feet of a ~~perennial stream corridor or~~ wetland may be renovated, altered, or expanded or reconstructed if damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, or act of nature as follows:

a. Renovations or alterations or reconstruction of a damaged or destroyed structure that will not increase the gross floor area of the original, existing structure are permitted.

b. Renovations, alterations, or expansions that will increase the gross floor area of the original, existing structure are limited to a cumulative total expansion of no more than 250 square feet of gross floor area located closer than 50 feet to a perennial stream corridor or wetland.

c. Renovations, alterations, expansions, or reconstruction of a damaged or destroyed structure that increase the gross floor area of the original, existing structure but which are no closer than fifty (50) feet to a perennial stream corridor or wetland are permitted, subject to compliance with all other applicable regulations and standards.

### **2. New Structures**

For new developments, the Director may authorize construction to ~~no closer than fifty (50) feet from a perennial stream corridor or to~~ no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from a wetland subject to the following criteria:

a. Denial of an encroachment of more than the twenty-five percent (25%) into the ~~stream or wetlands~~ setback area allowed by 19.72.130(G) would render the site

undevelopable.

b. No alternative location for the development further away from the stream or wetland is feasible or available.

c. Creative architectural or environmental solutions have been incorporated into the development proposal in order to ensure that the purposes of stream corridor protection, as set forth in Subsection 19.72.130 are achieved.

d. No federal or state laws, or other County ordinances or regulations are violated.

### 3. Limitation

In allowing for the preceding improvements, the Director may not:

a. Increase the maximum limits of disturbance set forth in Subsection 19.72.160.

b. Authorize the encroachment of more than five-hundred (500) square feet of gross floor area of structural improvements (cumulative total) ~~within the land area between seventy five (75) feet and fifty (50) feet from a perennial stream corridor or~~ within the land area between fifty (50) and twenty-five (25) feet of a wetland